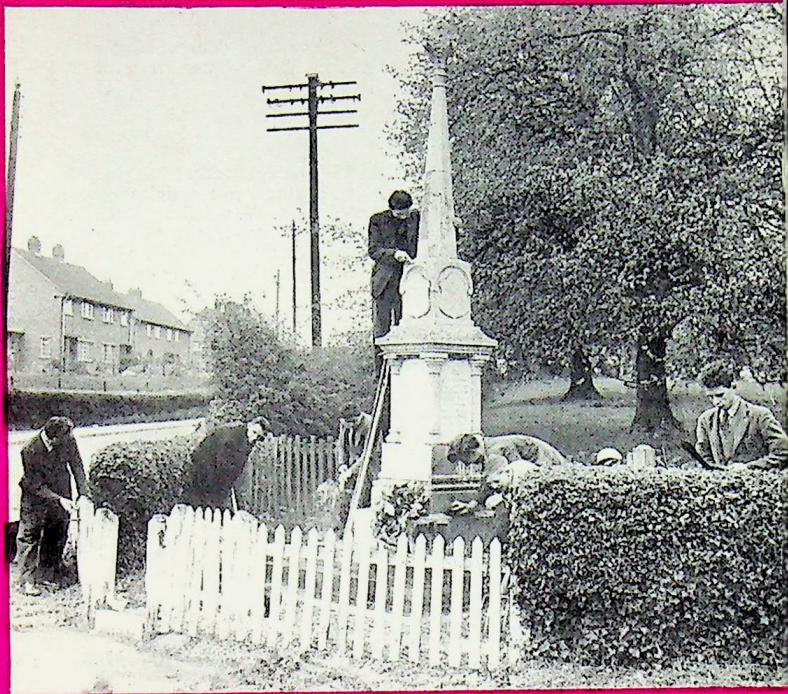


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The 1959 edition of the Toc H Diary is now in the press. Delivery is promised by the manufacturers for mid-September and the cost will remain the same as this year: 4s. 0d., or fitted with a pencil 4s. 6d., postage free. It is not too early to reserve copies now.

New Tape Recording

The Toc H London Male Voice Choir have made a recording of four items of particular interest to members. This includes the familiar songs *Rogorum* and *The Payneham Ditty*, as well as the hymns *Out of Many into One*, to the tune of *Aberystwyth* with words by Tubby, and Barclay Baron's *Go Forth with God*. The complete spool can be obtained from Toc H Headquarters price 10s. 6d. including postage.

New Forum

The summer number of this Toc H Quarterly magazine is now published. Among its contents are articles by Hubert Secretan, T. A. Richardson, T. W. Gulliver, Ruth Vickery, and Herbert Leggate, together with verses by Peter Abrahams. A single copy costs one shilling, plus 2d. postage, but a whole year's subscription is only 4s. 6d. including postage.

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COVER PICTURE: Members at Ulceby, Lincolnshire, cleaning the village War Memorial.

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In and Out

notes and comment

'Towards Unity'

MANY WHO HEARD THE Reverend Kenneth Slack at the Central Council meeting outlining the opportunities for reinforcing the work of the ecumenical movement, hoped that his words would be shared with the rest of the Family. We are now glad to be able to include the address, in slightly abridged form, in this number. The present lack of unity must be a matter of deep concern to all convinced Christians and the vital importance of working for an improvement was further underlined at the recent Assembly of the Church of Scotland when the High Commissioner, the Duke of Hamilton, in his address to the Assembly said that the Church had been weakened in its witness before the eyes of the world, because it was itself torn with disunity. They stood divided at a time when they were facing a challenge to the Christian tradition more powerful than at any period since the Dark Ages. He continued: "Now under the shadow of nuclear weapons, with all the problems of racial and other hatreds unsolved, and the menace of materialism ever before us, instead of manifesting the power of Christianity and bringing hope to a stricken world, Christians bewilder and embitter their fellow men by denying, through their actions, the Gospel of love and charity even within the Christian fellowship."

Out on Time

UNTIL QUITE RECENTLY WE HAVE ANSWERED enquiries about the date of publishing the JOURNAL by saying "during the first week in the month". It is, however, one thing for us to post the packets off, but as the majority are sent out in bulk to Branches they still have to be distributed to members. It takes roughly four days to mail the monthly issue from '47' and where the package is delivered on the day following the weekly Branch meeting (which can be any time between Monday and Friday), a further week passes before copies are circulated. A concerted effort to improve the position is now being made, both by printers and despatchers, and from now on it is aimed to get the JOURNAL to all 'home' readers within the first seven days of the month—and we plan to keep things that way. *PS.* This does not apply to next month, as *there is no August Journal published.*

Guarding the Fire

ABOUT SEVEN-HUNDRED PEOPLE DIE EACH YEAR from burning accidents in the home, and tens of thousands are so seriously injured that they require hospital treatment. Children and old people are the chief victims. Well under half these accidents, says the Home Office, are caused by clothing catching alight against unguarded or inefficiently guarded fires. While a "Guard the Fire" campaign is being launched later in the year, the Home Secretary is certain that the biggest single contribution lies in persuading individuals to provide and use efficient fireguards.

Tummy Rumbles

WE SUFFER GLADLY THE JOURNALIST WHO writes of something being "as dim as a Toc H Lamp". Here is another, who writes in the *Daily Express* of a "cloud unobtrusive as the rumble of a dyspeptic curate's tummy at a Toc H tea party, but quite as embarrassing".

First Move

THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF SHORT ARTICLES concerned with the preliminary spade-work essential to "Keynotes for Toc H in 1959" is printed on page 269 of this issue. These articles are designed to be read aloud at the Branch meeting, so that every working member is kept fully informed. In 1956, much of the energy generated at the Power Conferences was lost through lack of planning at Branch level. In 1959 Branches will be expected to do some 'homework' on projects that fit their own local situations and then, with the stimulus of Keynote Conferences, to carry their conclusions forward.

Channel Crossings

LAST SUMMER SAW A RECORD NUMBER OF organised Toc H parties visiting Belgium and, of course, the Old House at Poperinge. This year's programme got off to a good start with a nineteen-strong Easter pilgrimage led by Rex Calkin and Colin Stevenson. The weather was far from spring-like, but despite the discomforts of Flanders' snow and sleet, the party returned in fine fettle. Other parties from the Areas have followed, including a small and informal five-day gathering at the Old House of members and friends with wide overseas experience to take stock of the Movement as they see it in their own countries. Later, in the middle of August, a mixed party of thirty-five men and women members is breaking fresh ground with a week's visit to Holland. Staying at a seventeenth-century chateau near Leyden, they plan to combine sightseeing with discussions and exchange of viewpoints with an equally representative cross-section of Dutch friends.

Working Together

DAVID ENNALS

For the first time in Britain June 11 was this year celebrated as World Children's Day. Here the Secretary of the United Nations Association, writes about the co-operation between the United Nations Children's Fund and voluntary organisations

"SOME OF THE CHILDREN were underweight, with sad expressions and without the will to play. They lived as if swimming in an ocean of tears. Today, thanks to UNICEF milk they have gained weight . . . those gloomy faces have disappeared", reports Sister José Silva, Director of the Institute of Our Lady of Grace at Macajuba, Brazil. The Institute is one of countless private institutions in all parts of the world which co-operate with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in its work "for all the world's children".

It's an exaggeration to say "all the world's children", but true that of 900 million children in the world, 600 million live in the shadow of disease and malnutrition. Development of properly organised child welfare services presents an enormous challenge which can only be met with co-operation of the peoples themselves, their governments, voluntary and semi-voluntary community organisations and the international agencies set up to provide technical and material assistance.

The aim is not to replace local initiative but rather to encourage and stimulate it and to promote any voluntary activities which can have a place in a co-ordinated national plan. And so in all parts of the world UNICEF, the governments and the voluntary agencies are working as a team.

During the early days of UNICEF's emergency operations in Europe, the agency joined forces with the Danish and Swedish Red Cross and Norwegian Relief for Europe in planning a mass BCG vaccination campaign against tuberculosis. Within two years more than 17 million people had been tested and of these, 9 million had been vaccinated. Other voluntary agencies assisted in the distribution of food, milk, fish-liver capsules and clothing. In almost all the early relief operations in the war-devastated countries of Europe, volun-



An African nurse teaching young mothers how to guard the health of their children at the Butere clinic, Kenya

tary organisations participated, either by distributing supplies or by suggesting needy groups to receive aid.

There are many examples of co-operation between the Fund and voluntary agencies in emergency operations. When the Indian Government appealed for UNICEF aid to help fight famine conditions in West Bengal, 160 tons of dried milk were supplied by the Fund and distributed by schools, orphanages and child welfare centres, many of which were run by

voluntary bodies. Not only were countless lives saved but many of the distributing agencies were strengthened by the availability of supplies at a time when most needed.

On December 4, 1951, Hibok-Hibok, the volcano on Camiguin Island, off the northern coast of Mindanao, Philippines, erupted killing hundreds of people and rendering over a million homeless and destitute. The Philippine Red Cross did magnificent work in bringing help to the area but its resources were inadequate to meet the needs and so the Government called for UNICEF aid. Before the end of the month 200,000 kilos of rice from Thailand land arrived to feed 22,300 mothers and children for twenty-five days.



Danny Kaye examines a youngster suffering from a body-wasting disease

Sometimes a little means so much. Writing from the Medical Missionaries of Mary, in Arusha, Tanganyika, to UNICEF, the medical sister wrote "Very many thanks for . . . the gift of milk. . . . The supplies were never so badly needed as we have had a heavy death rate here

amongst the children. The people are facing their second year of drought."

UNICEF and the voluntary agencies have worked together in many other fields besides relief operations. Techniques and facilities for the care and rehabilitation of crippled children by national organisations affiliated to the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples and the International Union for Child Welfare have been developed. In many countries these societies, sometimes with financial aid from the government, but often dependent entirely on voluntary funds, have provided the only specialised facilities for dealing with crippled children.

In the field of health and welfare, UNICEF has often given aid to voluntary and semi-voluntary institutions in co-opera-

tion with government programmes. The Brazilian Legion of Assistance runs a small institution in Acari which provides clinical, prenatal and obstetric assistance to poor mothers and children in the locality. Its resources are very limited. The provision of an ambulance in 1953 was an enormous encouragement to Acari. The institution also received dried milk for distribution and the director described this as a "real gift from heaven" in view of the serious effects of the drought then affecting the area.

In this country, of course, the same spirit of co-operation is to be found in the working of the U.K. Committee for UNICEF on which are now represented about seventy non-governmental organisations.

Branch Banners

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THE BANNER of Oldham Branch bears the arms of the Borough which consists of a black shield with an inverted golden chevron and three silver owls. Across the top a rose between two annulets gules. The arms were based on those of the family of Hugh Oldham, reputedly a native of Oldham (Bishop of Exeter from 1504 to 1519 and a founder of Corpus Christi College, Oxford). The device is an example of "cantiug" arms, a pun on the local pronunciation "Owldom" in picture

form. The earlier Corporation motto—*Haud Facile Captu* (a somewhat crude pun on a local saying, "You can hardly howd 'em") was discarded in favour of *Sapere Aude*, ("Dare to be wise") a well-known quotation from the poet Horace. H.B.

More peculiar to the Oldham Branch of Toc H was another later variation, *Soapery Aude*, inscribed on a large rectangular bar of soap by the members of a neighbouring Branch upon which we had previously bestowed the birthday gift of a sweeping-brush.

A. L.



Multum in Parvo much in little

✚ JAMES B. BRADFORD (North Shields Branch; Northern Area), one of the two co-opted members of the Central Executive, was shown in error on page 221 of the last issue as having the surname of Buchanan. Our sincere apologies to Jim Buchanan Bradford.

✚ HAROLD LISTER, a West Yorkshire member, of Keighley and Cambridge, was a member of the Trans-Antarctic Expedition led by Sir Vivian Fuchs.

✚ Padre JOHN JONES has resigned from the staff of Toc H on account of ill health. He had been an Area Padre since 1944, first in the East Midlands, then in Kent, Surrey and Sussex, and for the last seven years in Wales, where he will be greatly missed.

✚ ALEC CHURCHER, after ten days in Uganda, is now the guest of Toc H in Central Africa until the end of July, when he goes to South Africa.

✚ The Rev. HARRY DEVIS, Rector of Mayfair, Johannesburg, and Hon Editor of *The Compass*, will be in England in August until November 14.

✚ The Rev. J. G. (Jimmy) FROUD, formerly Marks Pilot, lately Asst. Chaplain, St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, will be joining the staff of All Hallows.

✚ DEED OF COVENANT for the use of Toc H Branch Members: Have you considered asking H.M. Government to refund to the Family Purse the Income Tax paid by you and based on the amount of the contributions you are already paying to your Branch funds, e.g. 14s. 9d. to the Family Purse on every £1 you pay to Branch funds?

✚ If you have not, ask your Branch Treasurer to get you a copy of 'BRANCH MEMBER'S COVENANT' from the Hon. Area Treasurer or Area Secretary.

✚ EMPIRE GAMES, CARDIFF, July 21-25: Enquiries to Toc H, 23 St. Mary Street. Rest Room open daily from 9.30 a.m. to 10 p.m. (meeting at 7.30 p.m.) at Cory Hall, opposite Queen Street station, Cardiff.

✚ SEPTEMBER 6-13: Iona Week. September 13-14: Northern Rally at Durham.

✚ KEYNOTES FOR 1959: About Branch Programmes: The first look can be taken this month. Then in September and October: Four minutes a month, or more. In November, December and onwards: One meeting a month is suggested. See the series of short talks starting this month.

Towards Unity

KENNETH SLACK

Here is the substance, from a recording, of the address given by the General Secretary of the British Council of Churches to the members of the Central Council in Conference on April 19

THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT towards Christian unity is the great movement of the Spirit of God in the twentieth century in the Church. A parallel I like to draw is between what happened in the nineteenth century and what is happening in this. I don't think any of us would doubt now as we look back, that in the nineteenth century the great movement of the Spirit of God was the missionary movement—the 'foreign' missionary movement, as in our insular fashion we used to call it.

This movement began as the movement of a few people, described very often as fanatics, but as the decades of the nineteenth century went past it became a movement of the many. That is not to say, of course, that the overseas missionary task of the church has always, or at any time, grasped *all* the people in our pews, but it is perfectly true to say that that movement got far beyond a certain narrow circle. The missionary box, the missionary prayer leaflet, the missionary magazine, were to be found in homes that had had no privilege of wealth or of education. The ordinary wayfaring Christian man found his concern and his vision were quite colossally enlarged, and a new dimension of discipleship and of churchmanship was given to countless Christians in the West by the missionary movement. They saw that Jesus Christ is Lord of the whole earth and Lord of men in every nation.

Significant fact

Today we are part of a great fellowship of Christian men and women the whole world over, with only about three nations where there is no established body of Christian churches. The significance of that fact, of course, in a world like this, was underlined by William Temple in his famous Sermon when he was enthroned as Archbishop of Canterbury, and he said "as though in preparation for such a time as this" God had been calling this World Church into being.

Now I believe it to be true that in the twentieth century, and as a direct result of this great missionary expansion of the Church, the great movement of the Spirit of God amidst the

churches is this movement towards Christian unity. But it is quite obvious that as yet that remains not the concern of a few isolated fanatics like William Carey and men like that, but the concern of the 'top brass', so to speak, of the churches—of the ecclesiastical leaders and statesmen and the theologians. As yet it has had all too little direct impact upon the Christian congregations of this or any other country. That it has had some impact is, I think, quite obvious. I just mention two ways in which it is true. It has had impact certainly in the changed relationship of the churches to one another in human terms, in terms of personal friendship and regard. I remember that when the Archbishop of Canterbury dedicated our new headquarters of the British Council of Churches three years ago he referred to the days of his youth in a country rectory when the relationships between the churches, he said, were those of "contempt; heartily given and heartily returned on both sides"! And that, after all, is not long ago. The relationships between the churches undoubtedly are much more friendly and amiable, and to that extent this movement has found some unconscious reflection.

The other way, of course, is the way in which we know the churches have been actually drawn together in some instances into reunion. Those of you who are Methodists are the heirs of a movement of reunion which has gone on throughout this century, from the year 1907, when the United Methodist Church came into being, bringing smaller Methodist bodies together, to the year 1932 when Methodist union as a whole came about. Those of you who are from Scotland are again the heirs to a movement of union which has gone on throughout this century to bring about the re-united national Church of Scotland. And all of us, of course, are aware of the far more remarkable reunion in South India. Still, even with these things said, it remains true that this movement towards Christian unity is regarded by many people as being something on the fringe—not something that ought to concern them. And in that I have my suspicion quite a few members of Toc H will readily join.

New beginning

It was just after the First World War, in 1920, when the great "Appeal to All Christian People" went out from the Lambeth Conference, an appeal which did mark, in some very real degree, a new beginning in the search for unity. Now, I do not think its just coincidental that this followed the war. I do not think it is just a putting together of two facts that happened to occur at the same time. For the war itself revealed the bankruptcy of belief in inevitable progress, but it also revealed the ineffectiveness of a great deal of the Churches' work. The religious illiteracy, to give it no harsher term, which was shown

by very, very many in the great conscript armies impressed itself so much upon the chaplains. The chaplains going through that holocaust together, being drawn into an intimacy of relationship, engaged in a ministry of the most utterly and severely demanding kind, began to look afresh at the relationship of the different churches to which they belonged. Now that kind of surge of feeling about the disunity of the Church found its voice in the appeal from Lambeth to all Christian people. But before then, and even before the war, there had happened that event which is normally regarded as marking the beginning of this movement.

Basic concern

In 1910 (you will note it is almost fifty years ago) in Edinburgh, there had gathered the first of the great World Christian Conferences which have been so great a feature of this century in the Christian world. It was a world missionary conference. It was not, that is to say, a conference concerned primarily (or at all, in fact) with those theological issues which divide the churches. It was not called into being by those folk who had a bit of spare time to look at some of the more exotic questions of church life, but by those who were charged with the colossal responsibility of the missionary task, whether as missionaries themselves or as leaders in the work of missionary societies. Those, in other words, who were face to face with the problems of making Christ known to those who were in the grip of other systems of religion. Their concern was not a fringe concern; it was a basic concern. It was not just that disunity in the Christian churches was wasteful, not just that it was irrelevant to export to Asia and Africa and the South Sea islands those divisions of the Church which might have interesting historic roots in the West. It was that to offer Christ as the reconciler of all the old divisions between mankind, say the divisions of caste in a Hindu society, when you could not show Him as reconciler even within the life of His Church, was a blasphemy. That is the real origin of this movement, a denial at the heart of the life of the Church of that which it is its mission to proclaim, the reconciling power of Christ.

I suggest that very deliberately, because I do not see for a moment why you in *Toc H* of somewhat known practical bent of mind should concern yourselves with something that is, as I say, exotic and on the fringe. You ought to concern yourselves with something which is at the heart of the Church's life, the heart of the Church's mission and purpose.

The Greek word '*oikoumene*', from which ecumenical derives, means 'the whole inhabited earth', and it is used of this movement because its concern is not just with the unity of the Church in the whole inhabited earth but with the mission of the church

to the whole inhabited earth. It is a useful portmanteau word, which carries the two meanings.—our concern with the whole inhabited earth as Christians, and the need to show forth the unity of Christians throughout the whole inhabited earth.

Now, Toc H took its origin at the same time as this movement that had already begun, and had one significant expression in the year 1910, received such powerful impulses during the First World War. I think I am right in saying that in the early years of Toc H, what are described as 'faith and order' issues, those issues of Church and Ministry, and the sacramental life of the Church, which are the most obdurate of the problems that face this movement, did lead to a good deal of difficulty and questioning. In other words, Toc H, which was drawing together in a deep fellowship, and a fellowship which was explicitly a Christian fellowship, straight away came up against the harsh facts of Church history, and the way in which they are embedded in the actual ongoing life of the Churches as they are at the present time. Am I right in thinking that in some places at any rate in Toc H that kind of thing has come to be dealt with in one of two ways? One which, I understand, the 'official' life of Toc H has been bound to set aside as no solution, would be to ignore the barrier and to say, "We are come into a fellowship which in fact transcends these barriers and we must ignore the rules of the Churches in relation to inter-Communion and so on. We must just by a kind of divine lawlessness break through to something which is more vital and more fitting for Christian men." The other reaction which I think I've found here and there, is to regard these things as of no very great concern, to obey the rules, but to find the real life of the fellowship somewhere else and not really concern yourselves at all with what are thought of as mere ecclesiastical issues.

Full partnership

I want to make a plea for something quite other, something which I believe is finding its reflection in Toc H in quite a number of places. I think I ought to find its reflection throughout Toc H, it is that Toc H should become in the fullest sense a partner in this whole ecumenical movement. I have had great pleasure in expounding to my colleagues in Geneva, particularly to the Secretary of the Department of Laity, the fact that we have in Toc H in Britain a lay movement of the very greatest significance. They are particularly interested in those lay movements which are really lay, and that's an important distinction. I am sure you've often noticed people who claim to be laymen but who are just, so to speak, unordained parsons. But Toc H is so 'lay' a movement as to be almost aggressively so. It is a genuine lay movement with lay control, and that subtle thing, a really lay feeling about it.

Here you have a lay movement which is at least interdenominational, and which is potentially an ecumenical force of very real significance. Now I've drawn a curious distinction there between interdenominational and ecumenical, which I shall need to enlarge on for a moment. There are good friends who say to me quite often, "Oh, I'm sure you'll be interested in this movement or that movement with your kind of work, because you know, it's a really ecumenical movement". And when you look you find that it is what I would always describe as an interdenominational movement.

Wholeness

Now there *is* a distinction. Some interdenominational movements are on a particular basis of agreement which is almost, so to speak, a horizontal division in the Church, cutting across the vertical divisions between Anglican and Methodist and Presbyterian and Congregational and Baptist. You will have noticed that in relation to what we might call the Billy Graham movement of evangelism. That is a kind of horizontal form of interdenominationalism. The low Anglican, the Plymouth Brother, perhaps the local Baptist Church, and so on, will feel completely at one in advancing this movement of evangelism. Now that is because they have a particular Biblical approach which binds them together in a way that perhaps they are not so closely bound together even denominationally. But that is not an ecumenical bond. The whole essence of the ecumenical movement is a seeking to bring together the varied treasures which are committed to the separate parts of Christ's church. Not just the one thing that you can agree on and leave the rest. Just as its concern is with the whole mission of the Church, so its concern is also with the wholeness of the Church.

It therefore will not do to say, as members of Toc H, "I happen to be a Methodist, but Joe's an Anglo-Catholic and has his funny little ways, but we get on very well." The interesting thing is, why has he these funny little ways? And even more interestingly, why have you? In other words, in your church and in his, and in the other churches which are represented in your Branch, is there something which you need, something which you've got that he needs? Because at that same time to which I've referred more than once, the time of the origin and early years of Toc H, of the appeal to all Christian people from Lambeth, of those inter-War year discussions in relation to the reunion of the churches here in England, or the reunion of the churches in England and the churches in Scotland, and so on, all tended at times to be marked with this 'lowest common multiple' idea. It is understandable, I think, that many who had gone through the First World War should feel that the things

which divided were so small and the great things which united were so great that the way to union was to hold on to the one thing and ignore the rest. I think that attempt has in the event proved to be a somewhat sterile thing.

The tremendously enriching experience of all who have been privileged in any way to participate in this movement has been the inculcating in them of a kind of holy envy. If I could bear my own witness quite directly here, I as a Presbyterian have not grown less aware, I hope, of the very goodly things in my own inheritance, but I have become envious of some things the Church of England has got, of some things which the Methodist Church has got, envious of some things the Society of Friends have got, and so on. And I do not mean by that that we will in the end find that the coming great Church is an amalgam of all. There are some things which we regard as absolutely essential which are really not so and which will have to go. But that is an entirely different thing from any ignoring of the differences inside the Church.

Significant things

It is a beginning to explore those differences and to explore them in the deepest possible way, to find out what exactly do they mean in the actual discipleship, the devotional life, the religion of these people. What are the significant things? I don't know who it was who said this particular sentence, but I find it guides me a lot — "diversity is God's gift, division is what man does with it". And when that division has been done, the inevitable result is distortion. What you have got throughout Christ's Church at the present time is distortion. Things which only have their right meaning in relation to one another are separated.

In Toc H you have a fellowship of men and women drawn as Christians from different churches. The way of Toc H in looking at the divisions in Christ's Church should not be the way of ignoring them, either by lawlessness or by disregard of them, but to seek enrichment through studying them and learning from one another. By Toc H Women's Association a very useful booklet was produced a year or two ago just to assist groups of people to make that kind of advance in understanding, and there is now a growing popular literature to help in that kind of way, but it isn't something which literature can do on its own, though it can help. It's an actual life situation which is there in the life of Toc H, right through it, and it is a question of whether Toc H is going to find itself within the sweep of this great movement of the Spirit of God. If it does it will find itself very significantly within that sweep.

Surely one of the things that any one who knows anything at all about this movement towards unity must notice is that it is in some ways as intensely practical as Toc H. Toc H has been marked from the beginning not only as a fellowship of Christian men gathered from different churches but also as a fellowship gathered with a purpose, not just engaged in slapping one another on the back and calling one another 'Joe', but really engaged in doing a job. The Jobmaster has been a central figure in the life of Toc H. And the ecumenical movement does a job. One of the biggest voluntary agencies at work among the refugees of the world is the World Council of Churches. It shows that God, having called into being this new expression of unity which we now have in the World Council of Churches in these last ten years, has called into being an instrument for the direct service of stricken and divided world, and those who most directly and personally suffer as a result of such a world, the refugees and the underprivileged of every kind.

'Operation Compassion'

We have been very thrilled, and I would like to say this word of appreciation now, how in many places our Department of Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service has found very fine service from Toc H. Christian Aid Week, which had its pilot project last May and is having its much wider observance this year, has gained the very hard working support of Toc H people in many places. That movement of help, the 'Operation Compassion' of the ecumenical movement, certainly prevented it from being a mere talking shop. But it is when we start doing things together on that level that we are driven back again to look at these questions of doctrine and worship, because as well as caring for the refugee, that great compassionate movement has done other things. For example, here in Britain we have raised a very considerable sum of money for the Christian Council of Kenya to do rehabilitation work among the Mau Mau suspects in the camps there. We have also been continually succouring churches that are stricken. When the Orthodox Churches of Istanbul and Smyrna were, two years ago, sacked and pillaged and most of the shops and homes of their members wrecked as a retort by Turkish rioters to the Cypriot troubles, the first responses that came to our office from churches to help succour those stricken Orthodox communities came from the Society of Friends and the Baptists. A long, long way, ecclesiastically and doctrinally! The most church-wide response came from the Church of Ireland, again a long, long way. In other words in this whole practical movement again we are finding ourselves asking, being forced to ask, big questions. Here we are 'one in Christ' or we wouldn't be doing these things together for one

another or doing these things together for other people. Our 'oneness in Christ' is writ large every time we observe a Christian Aid Week, for it is because we are one in Christ we must band ourselves together to work for his little ones.

Whose job?

What then is the significance of our disunity as churches, and what is the significance of this realisation of our oneness in Christ in relation to it? We cannot avoid, and must not avoid, the hard work involved in looking at those questions. You may say, "Oh well, that's the sort of job that's got to be done by the theologians", or "That sort of job has got to be done by the church leaders". Now there is a job to be done by the theologians and the church leaders, but it is pretty well true to say they are doing it. The Anglican-Presbyterian conversations report last April arrived like a bomb in Scotland and each time I've been to Scotland I've noticed that somewhere in the newspapers that I read there are references to what is somewhat curiously called "The Bishop's Report". And really what happened was that one ecumenical leader said to me "That day in April revealed that the ecumenical movement hadn't arrived—in Scotland". Now that was an exaggeration, but you know what he means. After all, the people of Scotland would not be so ready to accept Lord Beaverbrook as their chief theological adviser, as they seem to be, if Toc H and other bodies had been doing their job!

That is why my plea is just this, that you will recognise the ecumenical movement as this great movement of the Spirit of God in the twentieth century, that you will examine the place of our movement of Toc H within it, and be prepared to make the kind of drastic adjustments that may be demanded to ensure that you do find that place within it.

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Here is the first of a series of short talks offered for use at Branch Meetings. Each of them will take little more than four minutes when read aloud, but may lead to more.

Keynotes

A LREADY plans are being made for 1959 and beyond. Here we have the token-word for a two-year operation. "Keynotes" mean practical matters for Branches in the near future, with practical application and practical results.

Many Branches, glory be, *do* know what they are at. Some don't and, knowing it, say so frankly. Some *claim* they do, but don't and would rather not be bothered. (Is that true?) Some Branches feel a bit blunted and are desperately keen on finding their cutting-edge. Some believe they have struck a dark patch and would welcome light. Some find in tough jobs a way to more and younger men's co-operation. Some look inwards and some look out, learning about the problem. Some listen and pray about it.

No matter now where this Branch stands among these. Some Councillors, who heard what was said at the annual meeting, find three points in the planning of "**Keynotes for Toc H in 1959**": (a) To give, not a set of directives, but a sense of direction; (b) To provide suggestions for the several ways in which *any* Branch can look outward and express the distinctive characteristics of Toc H, and then (c) To leave it to each Branch to choose the projects on which it can best concentrate *and act* in the light of its own situation.

This involves no change at all in the fundamental principles of Toc H. It should point to the matters where there is need of emphasis. It will demand enquiry and action, and the

sharing of experience, by selected "Keymen" in the year or so ahead.

Musically speaking, another word for keynote is "tonic". A tonic can be invigorating and bracing. It does its work only when the takers need it, want it, welcome it and believe in it.

Any questions?—so far as we can go tonight? If so, let's hear how 'Doc' Mitchell put it to the Council, but first the wording of the resolution. (*Proceed to quote extracts from page 230 to 232 of the June JOURNAL—or don't, as agreed!*) "... It can be done. The time has come when it *must* be done. We are asking for your backing now to see that it *is* done."

Next Month : KEYMEN WANTED.

(*In the language of this journal, next month will be September. Get braced for it!*)

Marks and Motors

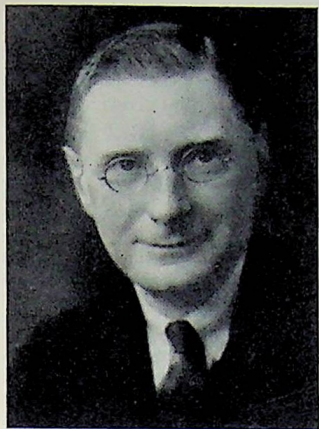
A PROFILE OF 'PRIDEAUX'

THE HARDEST ASSIGNMENT Toc H can give to any member is the job of Honorary Mark Warden" L. Prideaux-Brune told the Central Council recently and, after thirty-eight years of continuous service with Marks, he of all men should know. It was in *The Years Between*, published as a supplement to this JOURNAL in 1933, that 'Shi' wrote of Prideaux first joining the family of the newly-established Mark I in July, 1920, and of his becoming its Warden in May of the following year.

After his marriage in 1926, although no longer a resident Marksman, his interest and enthusiasm was sustained as Chairman of the London Marks Committee, later to become the Central Houses Committee, a post he has just relinquished, although he still continues to serve on the C.H.C. During all these years his steady hands on the wheel have contributed much towards the Marks' success in keeping to their destined route, despite the many awkward corners and difficult roads from time to time encountered.

But Prideaux's attachment to Toc H goes back earlier still.

for it was in the autumn of 1915 that, as a nineteen-year-old subaltern, he commanded a transport section billeted in the empty house next door to what was to become Talbot House, Poperinge. When Tubby arrived there in the November of that same year, he found Prideaux already established as his next-door neighbour. The story of the scrounged carpet, told by Tubby in his *Tales of Talbot House*, is no apocryphal one for, under pressure, Prideaux will admit that after its rejection for use in the Upper Room it did, in fact, find its way into his billet. From those early days the close friendships formed in World War I have been enriched many times over.



L. Prideaux-Bruce

Apart from his deep absorption in Toc H, Prideaux's other enduring regard has always been for the internal combustion engine. It was this that led him, while scarcely more than a school-boy, to become a motor-cycle despatch rider on the Western Front as early as September, 1914. Later on, in the 1930's, he became a familiar figure at the wheel of a succession of Aston-Martins at English, Scottish and Welsh car rallies,

on the old Brooklands racing track and further afield in Vienna and Budapest. For several seasons he took over the onerous duties of assistant or team manager in the pits at Le Mans and in 1938-39 introduced the, then new, Morgan four-wheeler there.

Although the speedometer needle of his car today seldom passes the seventy mark, Prideaux, with his twinkling eyes and quiet voice, has retained the appearance of a man a good deal younger than his birth certificate would confirm. On his retirement from the Chairmanship of the Central Houses Committee, everyone in the Family joins in wishing him many, many, more years of health and happiness in which he will undoubtedly continue to follow his twin regards of Marks and motors.

CHES.

Far Cry

overseas notes

GEOFF MARTIN



ONE WEDNESDAY

ERIC ELLIS, a member from Mansfield, has just returned from a business visit to South Africa. During his travels he has seen a great deal of Toc H and has brought back a most refreshing account of people and places and work. I have his permission to quote from his diary on the day he visited the Westfort Leper settlement near Pretoria. Here it is:

At 9.00 a.m. Eddie Lawson, the author of *No More Unclean*, collected me to go to Westfort, the leper settlement about thirty miles from Johannesburg. After a very pleasant ride over the Veldt, which is rolling country covered with grass and a few trees and bushes, we came to a long drive lined with blue-gum trees and black stems to a gate guarded by a native policeman. After we had signed our names we went into the settlement and parked our car outside the native kitchens. After I had seen the meal being prepared, which is principally made from mealies (maize), we went into the female ward for Africans, where I spoke to one or two of the patients who were in a very bad state, but could not get them to say much to me. We then went into the male ward, where I got into conversation with an African who had been there fifteen years, and had lost his hands and one leg, but was not too badly deformed in his face. He was very cheerful and seemed very contented. Apparently, the coloured people do not mind if they never leave, as their living conditions here are quite good. There is no difficulty nowadays in persuading the coloured leper to go into the settlement. . . . From there, to the quarters of the white patients. I had a few words with most of them, but two or three stand out above the others.

The first was a woman of sixty who was introduced to me as Martha. She contracted leprosy at five years of age and the rest of her life had been spent in the settlement, and she had never been out. She broke down when she was told by Eddie that I had come from London to see her, but soon cheered up when I talked to her. She is a very gentle person, and has a wonderful spirit. She continually told me of what Toc H had done for her and how they had never failed to see her once a week. I asked her what I could send her from England, but she said there was nothing she wanted as she had so much already. She showed me a photo of herself as a baby, and when I said jokingly, "I can see the resemblance still", she laughed and was very pleased. Her face is not too badly disfigured, but her hands are amputated to the wrist and she has lost one leg, but she



"... we came to a long drive lined with blue-gum trees . . ."

manages to get around with a crutch. She is now cured, but will never leave the settlement.

From there to Tommy, who contracted the disease at seventeen and is now thirty-four. Again I met with a spirit which is hard to define. It is not a spirit of resignation, but more one of hope and thankfulness. Tommy is deformed in much the same way as Martha, but his face has been badly affected. He has had new lips, nose and eyebrows, by grafting, so the horror was not as great as it might have been. Tommy is now clear, and receives a small salary for cleaning the bathrooms. He has a brother who occasionally visits him, but otherwise he relies on Toc H, of which he is a member. I asked him if I could ask him impertinent questions and he readily agreed. He told me that there was considerable pain lasting for years until the nerves were finally destroyed. He had hardly any feeling in the parts of his hands which are left now. When the sulphone drugs were introduced it was like heaven and he had these injections for a further eight years and was pronounced cured eighteen months ago. I asked about his mental state during the years and he said that terrible depression held you for three or four years then you accepted it and afterwards became philosophical. He was discharged from Westfort after his face had been re-built but he found that people shunned him and he became very unhappy and applied for return. He is thankful that he did so now, as he faces blindness in a year or two from the destruction of the nerves in his eyes. He was happy enough because he had friends in Toc H who would never let him down, and whilst they came to see him he would never again leave the settlement.

I said goodbye to him, and went on to see another who was cured

but found him busy sorting out his few possessions, as he said he was packing and was leaving. I asked him if we could help and give him a lift, but he said he was not due to go till June. He contracted leprosy after the sulphone drug was discovered and as a consequence was not deformed in any way. . . .

From him to a young man of twenty-five who has a wife and a daughter of eighteen months. He was very depressed as he had contracted leprosy only eight months ago, and faced the minimum length of stay in the settlement of five years. I talked to him a little while, and he gradually told me how he contracted it. He was a building contractor and because of his anxiety to get on with the job he slept at his work with natives and one of these natives must have been suffering from leprosy. He told me that he lived in very unclean conditions, and this must be the origin of the age-old word "unclean".

I had a chat with several more and in general found these people so very grateful for the small blessings which they had, but everyone could not speak highly enough of what Toc H meant to them. I felt sorry when the time came for us to go, and that if ever Toc H had done a worthwhile job of work, it was being done here.

CYPRUS PROGRAMME

How does Toc H operate in Cyprus? Apparently like this, as far as their meetings are concerned:—

- April 1 Sausage and mash supper.
- 8 Business meeting.
- 15 Talk by Padre Whitcombe, D.A.C.G.
- 22 Games Night.
- 29 Discussion Night.
- May 6 "East and West Germany" by Mac Simpson.
- 13 "Antarctica" by W. A. Hull.
- 15 Toc H corporate Communion.
- Evensong 6 p.m., The Chapel, Talbot House.
- Supper in the lounge, 7 p.m., Talbot House.
- 20 GUEST NIGHT DINNER, 7 p.m. (5/- each).
- 23 Open House at Talbot House during the whole Whitsun-
- 26 tide Holiday:—your name to the Secretary if you
- 26 intend to "live in".
- 27 "Impressions of Jerusalem" by Barry Etherington.
- 31 Retreat in Talbot House conducted by the Archdeacon of
- Cyprus, The Ven. A. W. Adeney, M.A.
- 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea and supper provided. Names to
- Barry Etherington please.
- June 3 "Unfamiliar aspects of Toc H" by Frank Coleman-Cross.
- 10 A speaker from the Government.
- 17 We have an "Arabic Supper".
- 24 Business meeting.

The Nicosia group of Toc H meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. at Talbot House, visitors are always welcome.



The Editor welcomes letters on all matters concerning Toc H and asks that they be written briefly and to the point. Effort is made to include a representative selection, and they are printed as individual view-points, not necessarily those of the Movement as a whole.

'Spreading Toc H'

IN HIS LETTER on "Spreading Toc H", H. A. Elliott suggests, regretfully in my own view, that "we must get back to the spirit which existed in the Movement in the 1930's". The wisdom of this view would seem to be both dubious and conflicting, since there is the spirit of our own time which remains both a potential and as yet untapped, and certainly at times misunderstood.

It seems disastrous that we should not fully perceive the immense danger in capitalising or cashing in on the past heritage of which we are both real and grateful beneficiaries, to the total exclusion of other pressing and vital issues. Equally regrettable would be the creation of a vast gulf between those who have, so to say, grown up with Toc H and those within the Family of more recent decades, the danger of which H. A. Elliott seems to under-estimate.

Surely if we are to deal with any dynamic way of "spreading Toc H", be it as I suggested in a previous letter by accepting and not contracting out of the whole sense and burden and responsibility of mission, which belongs not as the sole prerogative of the staff, but to the individual and collective membership of Toc H, then we cannot presumably conceive

of the life and work of Toc H in 1958, as in any way static, nor even that the Revelation of God in Christ as seen to be working through the Movement, ended in the 1930's? And at times this would seem to be the sorry impression created when we inadvisably indulge in this "getting back" to the spirit engendered in the 1930's.

It does seem that when and if we fail to see the Movement in contemporary thought forms or fail to clothe it with the flesh and blood of this present age and situation or neglect the vital fact that we must of necessity be forward looking, we are perforce writing the closing chapters of the Family.

Every age, if it is to be true to itself will interpret where its duty and emphasis must be expressed, so then let us learn with humility from the close parallel themes which are to be perceived on the horizons of our world; for instance the world of science criticises the Church of God for its living in the past, for its pre-occupation with history, whilst the man of science is not afraid to examine and to throw overboard what he discovered yesterday, if today he finds it disproved, and for him the Church of God has become a mere historical organisation with its very essence fastened to the apron strings of

the past and with no reality or living power in the present. Toc H could quickly become a body of indulgent nostalgics if we contract out of the kind of world and our mission in it, to which we individually ought to be harnessed and where we are unafraid to hammer out for the future and for the present in particular, the positive things which we have to say to our world.

There is quite obviously a point of tension between this tendency to get back to the past, because of the elements of frustration in our own day, and the need to re-think our principles in the light of contemporary issues. It would seem that to a certain extent, the two must be held in balance whilst having ourselves firmly geared to our own set of problems in 1958.

But to live in the past we do so at our own peril!

COLIN HILL.

Rotherham, Yorks.

Re-kindling

THE ANNUAL REPORT indicated we are still losing too many members, and no doubt you receive many suggestions as to how to overcome this state of affairs.

It has been the practice of the Louth District for the last three years to hold a United Renewal Service. This has been a great help in reviving the spiritual outlook of our members. To follow up this re-kindling, we have arranged monthly united Branch meetings, when a good guest speaker is invited to talk to us. Part of the evening is devoted to a Toc H talk by one of the members and these meetings are well attended, especially by small country Branches.

During the summer months,

thanks to the National Farmers' Union, they are arranging farm walks for us, which gives us an opportunity of inviting our farming friends and other associates to join us.

Every District will no doubt have its own ideas of re-kindling the Toc H spirit. We feel in the Louth District we are on to something good, that is worth a trial by others.

HARRY TRAVIS.

Louth, Lincs.

Direct action

AT a meeting of Chard Branch, the thirty-eighth Annual Report printed in the April JOURNAL was fully discussed and at a further meeting held the following week it was unanimously agreed that the £5,206 excess Expenditure over Income as at October 31, 1957, ought to be wiped out at the earliest possible moment. It was decided that Chard Branch should send you £5 immediately, this amount to be in addition to our usual contribution to the Family Purse, and in doing so to challenge every Toc H Branch and group in the country, of which there are over 1,000, to do the same.

To the membership in general we would say, let us put our own house in order and our cheque for £5 is enclosed.

A. E. KITCH.

Chard, Somerset.

Lapsed members

REGARDING TOM PERKIN'S disagreement with my letter [published in the March JOURNAL] in which I suggested that we should try and draw the lapsed member back into the fold, I wouldn't mind what the ex-member was called as long as the

broken thread of his contact with Toc H could be repaired. Certainly try and make him a Builder, if possible.

It was G. K. Chesterton who said that one of the purposes of Toc H was "TO CHange Chaps". I believe that every man who has ever contacted Toc H is changed for the better, even if only to a small degree. The member who becomes an "ex-" never shakes off the ideals Toc H has transmitted; and, inevitably, he later realises that the friendship he found didn't end when he attended his last meeting.

If we can get back as Builders or General Members some of those who have, for a variety of reasons, decided to relinquish membership of Toc H, we shall be doing a worthwhile service for *them*, and I think we should make every effort in that direction.

VIC HARDACRE.

Llanishen, Cardiff.

Freddie Domone

I SHOULD first like to say how much I owe to Fred Domone for the kindly and helpful friendship that he gave to me and a

number of others at Mark II over thirty-five years ago.

A number of us had just left Knutsford Ordination Test School and had taken up residence at King's College Hostel in Vincent Square and he came over one night to see us and persuaded us to become associated with Mark II on what was then known as a "family ticket".

It was a great help to us all and we spent many useful and pleasant hours in his company.

J. N. P. BROWNE.

*St. Budeaux Vicarage,
Agaton Road, Plymouth.*

THIS month's JOURNAL has renewed old associations for me. I met Freddie Domone during the war at St. Stephen's Club, during an air raid, he calmed me by talking as if nothing was happening and I had not the courage to let him see how I felt, so smiled and listened to him.

Later in 1945-46 he came to my Hostel for "bad boys" and gave us his first talk on Belra he had just started to work for, and he kept those lads very interested.

R. de L. BEN-KASSA.

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ASHION.—On May 25, FRANK ASHION, aged 45, a member of Linton Hospital group. Elected 30.6.'52.

ATTWATER.—Suddenly, on May 23, LESLIE FRANK ATTWATER, a member of Central General Members Branch and a founder member of Mark VII Branch. Elected 1.7.'20.

BATES.—On May 7, Colonel ARTHUR SYDNEY BATES, D.S.O., T.D., aged 79, Central General Members Branch, and a member of the first Central Executive of Toc H. Elected 1.7.'20.

BLAKE.—On May 5, JOHN JAMES BLAKE ('Pop'), aged 79, a member of Wickford Branch. Elected 8.12.'53.

BROWN.—On June 4, ALEXANDER BROWN, aged 57, a member of Ruislip Branch. Elected 14.11.47.

CAMERON.—In May, WILLIAM MILNE CAMERON, aged 65, a member of Corsham Branch. Elected 8.12.'40.

CARTER.—On April 23, the result of an accident, SIDNEY CARTER, aged 52, a member of New Addington Branch. Elected 22.2.'51.

DRESSER.—On March 31, Col. H. B. DRESSER, D.S.O., a member of the Wendover Services Club Committee and of the original Committee set up to sponsor the Club.

DRUMMOND.—On April 16, JOHN DRUMMOND, aged 79, a founder member of Greenock Branch. Elected 1.12.'27.

ELLIS.—On May 19, WILLIAM E. ELLIS, M.B.E., aged 74, a member of Bideford Branch. Elected 22.9.'31.

GREENACRE.—Suddenly on May 15, ARTHUR STUART GREENACRE, aged 56, a member of Southern Area General Members Branch. Elected 1.1.'22.

METFORD.—On April 30, the Rev. CUTHBERT GEORGE SEYMOUR METFORD, aged 63, a member of Swindon Branch. Elected 5.3.'49.

MIDDLETON.—On April 19, DAVID ALFRED MIDDLETON, aged 53, a member of Griffithstown Branch. Elected 15.6.'50.

MOYLE.—On April 24, the Rev. FRANCIS WALTER MOYLE, aged 61, formerly a member of Maidstone and Nuncaton Branches. Elected 1.9.'21.

PASCOE.—On May 13, in a road accident, ROGER EDWARD PASCOE, aged 61, a member of Western London Area General Members Branch. Elected 15.9.'32.

SCRIMGEOUR.—On May 27, HUGH CARRON SCRIMGEOUR, aged 75, a member of Central General Members Branch. Elected 7.2.'34.

SMITH.—On March 1, HERBERT E. SMITH, a founder member of Grimsby Branch. Elected 5.3.'26.

WARE.—On May 1, FRANK R. WARE, a member of Gloucester Branch. Elected 15.2.'28.

WHARTON.—On April 23, HUMPHREY WHARTON, aged 69, a member of Dalton-in-Furness Branch. Elected 1.3.'56.

WRIGHT.—On April 29, ARNOLD WRIGHT, aged 60, a founder member of Bingley Branch. Elected 1.1.'33.

In Memoriam

Arthur Stuart Greenacre

An extract from the Address given by the Rev. Austen Williams, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, at the Memorial Service held at All Hallows on Thursday, May 22

One of my abiding memories of Greeno is this—that in the meetings to which we went together, and we went to very many for Greeno never on any occasion spared himself, he was by far the most active and lively person, the most quick and sympathetic in talking to other people, no matter who they were, that I have ever known: and yet when it came to my turn to speak and when I reached my purple passage I would see him quietly and happily asleep in the front row. At first I was rather startled but it quickly became a characteristic of his that I grew to love. He needed such snatches of sleep. But it wasn't just that. To work with Greeno was to enter into a companionship such as I have never known with anyone else, a companionship of complete and natural and unquestioning trust. For a minute at each meeting the ball would be in my court and he would leave me to it—soon enough it would be in his again and I never knew him to fail.



' GREENO '

Tonight I have been left with the hardest task of all and I may well fail in my task. But he will not fail. His Father and ours has other purposes for Greeno, he has passed gallantly and unobtrusively—quite unaltered to the very last—into a fuller service than even he could have rendered on earth. If anyone was ever at home in the presence of God it was he. His transparency, his loveliness, his complete lack of any kind of pride are qualities for which God must love him very, very deeply. They are qualities which we can hardly hope to acquire to the same degree ourselves.

The secret of Greeno's strength lay perhaps in his sincerity and simplicity and if we are to do the work of Our Lord and Master as Greeno did it, we must take care never to sin against

them. They shone out in everything that Greeno said and did.

The things which we remember with thanksgiving and gratitude about Greeno are very personal, different for each one of us. For countless people the Gospel itself was mediated through Greeno and thus gained a sense of wonder and devotion and unselfishness which the Church often fails to convey.

These things were revealed in Greeno, not paraded on a large stage for effect, but in all the small places where men really needed them.

I remember towards the end of the war the long dark journeys through bomb-scarred and V-2 haunted London to Toc H as it was then very small, very tired and very faithful. The arrival at some dim, obscure meeting place where the roof had been lifted by bomb blast and clumsily replaced by gravity, the simple experience of knowing the proof of Our Lord's saying, 'When two or three are gathered together in My Name there am I in the midst of them'. I remember too a crowded bus in the rush-hour and in the middle of it a harsh, grating voice taking the name of Christ in vain. To my astonishment Greeno sprang into action and forbade the use of Christ's name in that way. For a moment the whole bus went quiet and the voice that had blasphemed, blasphemed no more. I remember Greeno in so many ways, bringing to every occasion his own contribution of complete sympathy, complete frankness, and very practical love. Greeno always gave the very thing and the only thing he could give—himself as a lover of Christ, a man who stood stiff for the things of God and yet was always moving, never still.

Arthur Sydney Bates

Colonel Arthur Sydney Bates, D.S.O., T.D., died on May 7, 1958, aged seventy-nine, at Manydown, near Basingstoke. When commanding the 2nd Battn. of the London Rifle Brigade in Flanders, he frequently made his Communion in the Upper Room, to which his Chaplain, the Rev. Guy Vernon Smith, M.C., brought many Confirmation candidates and communicants.

Colonel Bates served for some years, while resident in London, on the original Central Executive Body, and it was mainly due to his endeavours that Toc H in Southampton and Liverpool and New York took a warm interest from the first in all the growth of Talbot House, Southampton, also in Gladstone House in Liverpool, and through Sir Ashley Sparks (Cunard, New York) enabled Padre Pryor Grant to undertake the special Chaplaincy to junior grades, including bell boys, when they went ashore at both ends of their run to Toc H Centres.

Tubby took part in his Memorial Service, and 'Light' was held for him at the June meeting of the Central Executive.

P.B.C.

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JOAN VINCENT

I WONDER what you know about the devastating problem of muscular dystrophy? In all probability if I had asked that question several years ago you would have looked very puzzled and wondered what I was talking about. If, today, you have some idea of the enormity of our problem, it is almost entirely due to the efforts of the various Muscular Dystrophy Associations throughout the world.

Briefly, muscular dystrophy is a chronic, disabling disease, which in its most severe form attacks small children, mostly boys, but girls, too, are sometimes affected. From being healthy, apparently normal babies they gradually lose all muscle power, the simplest movements become difficult and in time impossible, and they rarely live beyond their teens. Adults, too, suffer from the disease, which has its onset at a later age, and is not as a rule, quite so severe, in that the sufferers do not always die, but the effects can be completely

crippling, and at any age muscular dystrophy constitutes a serious problem, both for the sufferer and for his family.

The Muscular Dystrophy Group in the United Kingdom was formed under the aegis of the Central Council for the Care of Cripples, with a three-fold objective, (1) To promote research into the causes and cure of muscular dystrophy, which are at present unknown; (2) to provide a friendly link between sufferers and those who care for them; and (3) to link up as closely as possible with existing statutory and voluntary services, and thus obviate any over-lapping of welfare facilities.

In the past eighteen months we have made very great strides towards fulfilling our objectives, and have inaugurated five major research projects and assisted five others. Our friendly link has been extended by the formation of Branches throughout the country, although much remains to be done in this field, and we now publish a quarterly newspaper, *The Muscular Dystrophy Journal*. We do a great deal of welfare work, and find that almost always the statutory and voluntary services are co-operative and helpful, and we in our turn are often able to provide them with answers to problems about muscular dystrophy which have hitherto defeated them.

There is an annual subscription of 5s. 0d. a year, but we do not exclude anyone from membership who finds it difficult to subscribe. Anyone who is sufficiently interested is eligible for associate membership. Members of Toc H are already helping in many ways, both actively in Branches and by visiting regularly those who are unfortunate enough to be unable to get out of their homes, and we would welcome *your* help, too. For further information please write to Mrs. Joan Vincent, Organiser, Muscular Dystrophy Group, C.C.C.C., 34 Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1.



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Facts on Tax

JACK HARRISON

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Now that the idea is widely accepted throughout the Family as a valuable means of adding to our strength, progress during the next year or two should speed up.

Branch members should be interested in this scheme whereby every shilling they pay into Branch funds for Branch expenses can earn another ninepence for the Family Purse without extra cost to themselves. The Branch Treasurer keeps the shillings to meet the normal expenses of running the Branch; the ninepence is paid to Toc H by the Income Tax people out of tax already deducted, in most cases, under PAYE from the salary or wages paid to the member concerned.

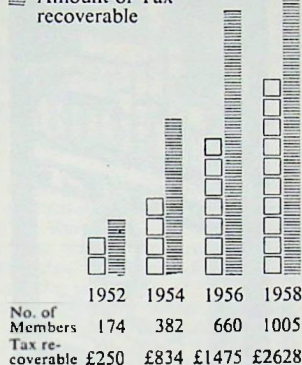
Tax recovered is treated as an additional Branch Contribution to the Family Purse and counts towards the Branch target of one shilling per week per member. Every Branch Treasurer worth his salt ought therefore to know how the scheme works.

Consider these facts. The Chart shows that 1,005 members, by signing deeds of covenant in respect of their subscriptions (weekly, monthly or yearly), have enabled Toc H to recover

Progress Chaser

**Toc H Members' Deeds
1952 to 1958**

- ☐ No. of members signing deeds
- ☒ Amount of Tax recoverable



in tax above £2.628 every year *without any additional cost to the members concerned*. These members' self-assessment subs range from sixpence per week to £20 per annum.

Consider also this fact. Every two shillings paid weekly in self assessment subscription and "covenanted" reaps another one shilling and sixpence for the Family Purse. One thousand such deeds would reap a total extra sum of £3,900 in tax and all without extra cost to the members.

These facts highlight the value of the scheme to Toc H. Ask your Area Treasurer or Secretary for details or send a postcard to me and I will send you a copy of the Branch member's deed of covenant form giving full details by return.

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N. LONDON.—No fewer than four Branches have moved recently, some by choice and other of necessity. **Islington** now meet on alternate Tuesdays in the Union Church Vestry, Upper Street, N.1 (entrance at rear in Compton Avenue), where they will be much more in the centre of things. After eighteen months on Church premises, **Hendon** now meet on 'neutral ground' every Tuesday at the Assembly Rooms, 67 Brent Street, N.W.4. **Muswell Hill** have had to leave their well-known rooms over the garage in Colney Hatch Lane, and have gone a little way down the hill to the Carisbrooke Youth Club, 21 Colney Hatch Lane, N.10 (Wednesdays). Perhaps the most fortunate are **Kentish Town**, who after some homeless months are busily putting in order to their own requirements a building at 4 Agar Place, Agar Grove, N.W.1. At **42 Trinity Square** a special meeting was held recently of some forty members, all of whom came into Toe H during the past eight years. Harry Gell provided some good material for discussion and after tea there was a conducted tour of Tower Hill and All Hallows.

MAYNE ELSON.

LINCOLNSHIRE—A first meeting has been held at **New Waltham** and there are good signs of a group being formed. **Caistor** Branch have presented **Osgodby** Hospital with an electric razor for the patients' use. **Osgodby** group have made a barbecue for roasting hot dogs, and operate it at garden fêtes and galas as their contribution. **West Wolds** District are arranging a District Service to be held at **Tealby** and **Humber** District are planning a combined District Service to be held in **Walesby**. Much work is going into **Scunthorpe's** effort for an Autumn Sale in aid of the Family Purse.

CLEM. CRUMMY.

KENT—The great event of recent weeks, and one about which so many people are still talking most enthusiastically was, of course, the Area Festival which took place at **Ramsgate**. In addition to more than 600 members and friends from within the Area, we also welcomed members from S.E. London Area. Undoubtedly the fact that the whole of the proceedings, from the beginning of the Service until the end of the Festival Evening, took place under one roof, added immeasurably to the success of the day. It made possible much more time between events to meet and talk. The newly-appointed Padre to the Birchington Branch, The Rev. C. W. Donaldson, conducted the service and our guest speaker was Ronald Symons, Chairman of the Central Executive. **Sheppey** District Rally at Minster was also a very happy occasion, though one of the ladies (no doubt speaking for the rest) expressed the hope that in the future on such occasions the men would try and overcome their natural timidity and sit with the ladies!

CYRIL CATTELL.



Members attending East Devon District Training Weekend, photographed during a break, in the beautiful garden of Exeter Branch's Headquarters

SOUTH WESTERN—A group of men have started to meet together to learn about Toc H in **Chudleigh**, and it is hoped that they will soon be able to form a unit in the place. Anyone with likely contacts is asked to get into touch with the Area Padre: David Harding, at Old School House, New Exeter Street, Chudleigh, Newton Abbot. The **East Devon** District recently held a very successful Training Weekend at Exeter. The weekend was both enjoyable and instructive and unanimous opinion is that it must not be the last. An evening Rally of **Torbay** District was held at Torquay and proved what an entertaining and useful evening can result from this sort of gathering together. By the time this appears in print **Yelverton** will have held their Rock Fair, a completely new and very ambitious venture. We all hope that their efforts will have been crowned with the success they deserve.

GILBERT FRANCIS.

EAST MIDLANDS—Congratulations to the newly recognised Branches at **Weldon** and **Kibworth**. Recent visits by Herbert Leggate and John Callf produced very stimulating evenings at **Northampton**, **Weldon**, **East Leake**, **Ashby** and **Broadways**. Several members have been elected to their local councils and we congratulate George Atkinson at Melton Mowbray, Ralph Alderson on his appointment as Chairman of Wellingborough Council and Jack Wilson, a Toc H Builder, on becoming Mayor of Higham Ferrers. The Loughborough Carnival Band Contest has just taken place and over 4,000 people watched the thirteen bands in their colourful uniforms being judged for appearance, for marching and counter-marching and for their playing. The **Soar Valley** District once again provided a happy and successful afternoon. Sidney Swain on another visit to the Area found twenty former members glad to "return to the family" as Toc H Builders.

COLIN STEVENSON.

E. LONDON—There is every indication that the Area Festival at Chelmsford on October 18 will be strongly supported by both men's and women's Branches. We are delighted that the preacher in the Cathedral will be Norman Motley and the speaker in the Shire Hall, Jean Perry. **Valentine** District continue to raise £300 yearly in order to send some twenty-five children who have been in contact with tuberculosis or are severely handicapped to a recuperative holiday home at Bognor Regis. **Barkingside** Branch took part in a Christian Citizenship Exhibition and displayed examples of the useful, and often beautiful, work done at home by old or disabled people under the "Torchcrafts" scheme.

JIM GREEN.



East Essex Gazette

The crew of the Mid Barrow Lightship receiving a television set presented to them by members of Clacton and Holland-on-Sea Branches

BEDS. & HERTS.—Last month's notes had gone to press before we learned the sad news that 'Greeno' had been called home. He will be sadly missed at our Area Rally on October 18 when we had announced that he was to be our guest-speaker. When we meet on that occasion, we shall remember him with proud thanksgiving. "Although strikes, depressions, recessions and wars are bad for the country, some good does occasionally result . . ." said the *Berkhamsted Gazette* in reporting the Good Samaritan Service organised by the **Berkhamsted** Branch during the bus strike for providing free lifts for people who would not otherwise have been able to visit friends in hospital. **Batford** and **Harpenden** are continuing their Saturday-morning book-stalls which bring them friends and revenue. **St. Albans** have again held a door-to-door collection of unwanted 'paper-backs' which they sold on a market stall generously loaned by a well-wisher. Bob Christie of **Stevenage**, who recently became Extension Leader for N. Herts District, has undertaken to extend his influence to the Northern part of the Area.

FRANK R. FIGG.

NORTHERN—Best wishes from all his fellow-members in the Area go to 'Sandy' Alexander on his retirement after fifty-three years faithful service as butler and friend to four Bishops of Durham. **Hexham Branch**, in addition to their job of visiting at the General Hospital, tend the garden surrounding the wards thus making spots of beauty and colour which is part of 'the cure'. **Grove Hill Branch** held their Annual Charity Football Match and this year the contestants were Acklam Steelworkers and Middlesbrough Park Rangers. Proceeds in aid of Brynteg Clinic and Toc H. The Branch also held a Grand Dance at St. Luke's Hospital, proceeds to Toc H and the British Epilepsy Association. **Penshaw and Chester-le-Street Branches** recently held a joint evening. After supper of pies-and-peas, discussion ranged from "T.V. A Blessing or a . . . ?". "The Place of Sport" and the "Place of Toc H in Society". An enjoyable and spontaneous evening. **Richmondshire District** held a Training Day at Darlington with Bob Purdy as Leader. The theme for the Sessions centred round "Automation" connected with the value and use of leisure. Discussion followed to a late hour. Many Branches in the Area have been holding their Rededication Services and congratulations go to **Catterick Village** and **North Ormesby Branches** on their Birthdays. **North West Durham District** held a combined District Team meeting and District gathering of members. 'Business' was cut to the minimum so that Bob Purdy could give us a glimpse of his "Vision of Toc H".

LANCE LIMBRICK.

SUSSEX.—The inability of some folk to read maps is—it appears—only matched by a similar inability on the part of others to draw them! However, in spite of this, all those who set out for the Area Weekend Conference at Bexhill-on-Sea arrived in good time. As was to be expected with the conference sessions in the capable hands of Rex Calkin, a stimulating time was had by all. What a joy it was to have five members from **Denton** with us. Helpers to push them around in their invalid chairs were never lacking and the greatest 'riot' of the weekend was when they were taken up to bed by a special sling and brought down again next morning. There was great fun throughout the weekend—and so often it was initiated by the Denton lads.

CYRIL CATTELL.

NOTTS. & DERBY.—Worksop Branch's latest effort with their film unit is in showing films on hospital work to nurses. Nice work if you can get it! The Branch has the help of many youths (unfortunately going off one by one to National Service) who have been with them since early teenage. **Brimington** is looking well ahead in the collection and preparation of firewood for old folk next winter. **Long Eaton** staged another Skiffle Jamboree in aid of Belra. **Derby group**, which hopes soon to become a Branch, is preparing for its annual Boys' Camp at Osmaston Lodge. **Graeme Branch** has undertaken the visiting of a number of elderly people who are not in touch with any old folk's organisation. A lively gathering was recently held between members in **Ashtfield District** and the Guard of the Lamp to discuss standards of Branch status.

LES WHEATLEY.

WEST MIDLANDS—The senior section of the Toc H annual cross-country championships for **Coventry** uniformed organisations was won by the 38th **Coventry Scouts**—well done, 38th. At a recent **Broadway** Guest-night a series of first-rate sketches were put on by members of the Branch. **Wylde Green** group with fourteen members, is a direct result of the World Scout Jubilee Jamboree. They hope to take fourteen poor children to **Weston** and to organise a library service for **Sutton Coldfield Hospital**. The secretary is **Ted Tunnadine**, 12a **Florence Road**, **Wylde Green**. Congratulations to **John D. Tetlow**, recently installed as Chairman of the **West Midlands Branch** of the **Town Planning Institute**, and to **Robert J. Hill**, past Chairman of **Lye Branch**, who has been elected Vice-President of **Stourbridge Chamber of Trade**.
NOEL. CARTWRIGHT.

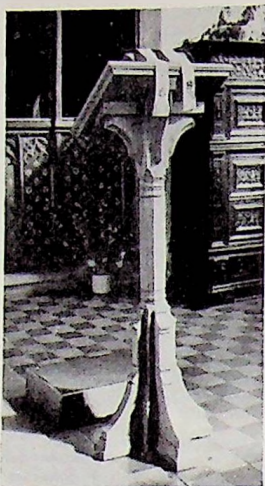


BEFORE and AFTER. Two pictures of the same room, long unused except as a rubbish dump, now transformed into a workshop and store for the Committee for the Physically Handicapped by members of **Gloucester** and **Longlevens Branches**, assisted by the **Gloucester Ladies' Circle**

WESTERN—On a recent Saturday afternoon the **Henleaze Branch** took sixteen blind children from **The Royal Blind School** to the **Bristol Zoo** and entertained them to tea. Members were kept busy describing the sizes and shapes of the animals and wherever possible, helping the children to run their hands over some of the tame ones. **Trowbridge Branch**, together with several members who have come to live in **Frome**, are busy on extension in **Frome**. Congratulations to **Matson Branch** upon receiving its Lamp, donated by **Mrs. Timmis** in memory of her husband, **Lt.-Col. G. D. Timmis**. The **Vale of Avalon District** are running a series of inter-Branch skittles matches during the summer months which will, they hope, not only bring enjoyment to those concerned in the contests, but bring the Branches together during the holiday period of the year. **Bristol Hospital Broadcasts' Society** have this year added broadcasts of local County Cricket matches to the several other items of interest and entertainment to local hospitals.
FRED BROOKER.

W. LONDON—Branch Pilots of all shapes and sizes were to be seen in Staff. Wakelin's front room one evening recently. They came from all over the Area and spent a useful couple of hours sharing experiences with each other and—in some cases posing knotty problems. The Torch Players, **Wimbledon's** Drama Section, had the distinction this year of opening the Southwark Shakespeare Festival in the courtyard of the ancient George Inn. Their play was *The Merry Wives of Windsor* and, as usual, it reached a high standard. Four performances in Wimbledon Town Hall were also given.

MAYNE ELSON.



EAST ANGLIA.—After the need for a lectern in the parish church had been long under discussion, **Costessey** Branch members took the initiative by providing the necessary funds and one of their number, a skilled craftsman, carried out the work. The resulting fine oak lectern today stands in the church as a memorial to 'Togs' Tayler, a former chairman of the Branch. As recorded briefly in last month's JOURNAL, the lectern was recently dedicated by Bishop 'Pat' Leonard.

BERT GOOLE.

Eastern Daily Press

OXFORD & THAMES VALLEY.—**Windsor** Group has lost its secretary, and Doug. Brown, 45 St. Andrew's Crescent, Windsor, has taken over again. This group is doing a first-class job with the local "Undefeated" Club, the members of which are all 'sclerotics'. **Iver** Branch have linked up with Windsor, and are visiting them regularly to help get Toc H really going again. **Chalfonts** Branch continue their good work at the local Epileptic Colony and there are over twenty members in the Colony. **Caversham** Branch have done it again, and recently raised £140 at their annual rummage sale. It is rumoured that they were assisted this time by the General Secretary of Toc H! **Witney** Branch is lending a hand in forming a new Scout Troop. **High Wycombe** Branch, most of whose members live on the outer perimeter of the town, had a very successful Guest-night, with Alfred Hine, as the guest-speaker. **Desborough** District Team were invited to hold their meeting at **Wallingford**, in the local group Headquarters. They were overawed, but not dismayed, to find this was the Council Chamber of the Town Hall. JOHN WILSON.



Gloucester Journal
 Blooms collected from visitors by Gloucester District members on Daffodil Sunday for distribution to hospitals and nursing homes by London Marksman

WALES—Some 600 members and friends attended the Toc H Festival held at **Llandudno** on April 26, which opened with a Service at St. Paul's Church and was followed by a civic welcome at the Arcadia Theatre. The Administrator, John Callf, was introduced by Ted Lloyd, a member of the Central Executive. Following a musical programme came the procession of Lamps and banners after which home-going prayers were led by Padre John Jones. **Llandudno** Branch raised £54 of £150 total collected in a Bring and Buy Sale in aid of the Aged People's Welfare Centre. Their Sheep Dog Trials, which have raised large amounts for the Family Purse and numerous charities, are being held this year on July 16. **Mochdre** Branch, with youthful zest, raised £20 with a Children's Concert, in aid of Branch funds and the Village Centre. **Rhyl** members will again be co-operating with the Manchester District on the annual children's holiday-by-the-sea scheme during August. **Ffestiniog** Branches are concentrating on making the Festival of Wales, 1958, a happy memory for the children by providing special events to commemorate the occasion. They also make a point of contacting foreign students and others sojourning in their high but majestic areas of the Division which border the Snowdonia National Park.

Any members or friends known to be going to the Empire Games at Cardiff are asked to send a card beforehand to E.G.C., Toc H, 23 St. Mary Street, Cardiff, so that they can receive full particulars. During the week from July 21 to 26, there will be an enquiry office open there. Also at Cory Hall, opposite Queen Street station in Cardiff, Toc H members are providing a rest room with light refreshments, which will be open daily from 9.30 a.m. to 10 p.m., and a Guest-night each evening at 7.30 p.m.

GWILYM EDWARDS.

SCOTLAND--Blackridge held their first Rededication Service and were supported by a large turnout of members in the Area. **Prestwick** Branch welcomed the Winant Volunteers on their way to Iona and **Edinburgh** Branch arranged hospitality for the party on their way south. We hope that this is only the beginning and that some of the Winants will come and work in Scotland in 1959. The Scottish Council meeting at Carronvale, whilst the smallest attended for a very long time, was in the opinion of those present the highest in quality. Oliver Wilkinson, formerly of Oxford & Thames Valley, was a stimulating and provocative speaker. The discussions and the business before the gathering produced a very real sense of the Family that is Toc H. The Toc H Week in Iona in May was fully booked, some thirty members of Toc H attending the holiday week. England and Scotland had an equal number of members. The Week in September, 6-13, has a few places available and members intending to come should book now. The Leader of the Community, Dr. George MacLeod, will be attending this week. **Tillicoultry** Branch spent an interesting two hours at C.I.D. Headquarters, Glasgow, and the members hope this will be the only record the police will have of them. Plans are well in hand for Tillicoultry Toc H Week this month, which starts with the entertaining of some thirty patients from Erskine House Hospital and includes a day at the seaside for pupils of Clackmannan County Special School.

JOHNNIE MACMILLAN.

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